

REMARKS

I. Summary of Office Action

In the Office Action, the Office required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following Groups:

Group I, drawn to a waste storage device including a waste storage cassette rotator, and reading on Claims 1-6 and 16;

Group II, drawn to a waste storage device, and reading on claims 7-10;

Group III, drawn to a waste storage device comprising a throat, and reading on claims 11-13;

Group IV, drawn to a waste storage device comprising a waste cassette chamber lid, and reading on claims 14-15; and

Group V, drawn to a waste storage cassette, and reading on Claim 17.

Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

II. Election

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, Claims 1-6 and 16. Applicants encourage Examiner to contact the undersigned if some deficiency in this Response is perceived.

III. Preliminary Amendment

Applicants request entry of the preliminary amendments to the claims submitted herewith. Claim 1 has been rewritten to incorporate the subject matter of cancelled Claim 3. The new claims are for the most part merely forms of the unelected Group II through Group V rewritten to depend from the elected Group I, or, in the case of Claims 19 and 36, new independent claims drawn to the elected subject matter, namely to a waste storage device including a rotatable waste storage cassette. No new matter has been added.

Upon entry of the amendments, Claims 1, 2, 18-36 remain pending. Claims 7 through 17 have been cancelled without prejudice to reintroduce in this application or a subsequent continuation.

IV. Conclusion

Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

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